

APPENDIX A

In the Specification

Please insert on page 1, between the title of the application and the first paragraph, the following new paragraph:

—CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/158,321 filed on October 8, 1999 in the names of DeVico, Fouts and Tuskan for "VIRUS COAT PROTEIN/RECEPTOR CHIMERAS AND METHODS OF USE" —

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A chimeric polypeptide comprising:
a virus coat polypeptide sequence, wherein the virus is an immunodeficiency virus selected from the group consisting of HIV, SIV, FIV, and FeLV, [and] a viral receptor polypeptide sequence that has a bonding affinity for the virus coat polypeptide sequence, and an amino acid sequence spacer linked to both the virus coat polypeptide sequence and viral receptor polypeptide sequence and positioned therebetween to form a single chain polypeptide, wherein the [virus coat polypeptide sequence and the receptor polypeptide sequence are each linked to a] spacer [consisting] consists of an amino acid sequence of sufficient length to allow the single chain polypeptide to fold thereby permitting the virus coat polypeptide sequence and the viral receptor polypeptide sequence to form [a folded] an intramolecular interacting complex.